Environmental Division
NEPA Programs
Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE)

Project Information			
Project Name:	EN: Columbia Pike Complete Streets - Phase I	**Federal Project#:**	TAP-5B01(211)
Project Number:	EN20-029-497, C501, P101, R201	**Project Type:**	Construction
UPC:	118238	**Charge Number:**	
Project Number(Assoc)(UPC):			
Route Number:		**Route Type:**	N/A
Project Limit--From:	Backlick Road	**To:**	Tom Davis Drive
IPM Project Description:	COLUMBIA PIKE COMPLETE STREETS - PHASE I		
Additional Project Description:	Phase I improvements include installing a sidewalk (up to 5-foot wide) along the south side of Columbia Pike and adding a crosswalk with ADA-compliant ramps across Columbia Pike at the west leg of Tom Davis Drive.		
Purpose And Need:	The purpose of the project is to add a section of sidewalk to improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between commercial areas on the north and south sides of Columbia Pike within the project limits.		
District:	**City/County:**		**Residency:**
Northern Virginia	Fairfax		Fairfax

The subject project meets the criteria for a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion in accordance with:

23 CFR 771.117

Description of PCE Category:

Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities.

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UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

1. The proposed action will not result in significant environmental impacts.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *Based on a review of the project scope and location, no significant environmental impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.*

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2. The proposed action will not result in substantial controversy on environmental grounds.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *Based on a review of the project scope, location, and consultation with the Project Manager (PM), substantial controversy on environmental grounds is not expected as a result of this project.*

3. The proposed action will not result in significant impact on properties protected by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *Based on the Cultural Resources Summary Report, a determination of no effect on historic properties was made on 06/28/21 in accordance with the efficiencies provided by Stipulation 2 of the 1999 Programmatic Agreement between VDOT and VDHR or Stipulation II.A of the 2016 Programmatic Agreement among FHWA, USACE, TVA, ACHP, VA SHPO, and VDOT for determinations of No Effect as amended in 2021. Based on review of VDOT's eMaps GIS, Northern Virginia District Environmental staff determined the project will not impact any other properties protected by Section 4(f).*

4. The project sponsor confirms that proposed action will not result in any inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local law, requirement or administrative determination relating to the environmental aspects of the action.

IMPACTS:

5. The proposed action will not involve acquisition of more than minor amounts of temporary or permanent right of way.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *Based on a review of the concept plan and consultation with the PM, this project does not involve acquisition of more than minor amounts of temporary or permanent right of way acquisition.*

6. The proposed action will not involve residential or non-residential displacements.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *Based on consultation with the PM, there are no residential or non-residential displacements.*

7. The proposed action will not result in capacity expansion of a roadway by addition of through lanes.

Finding: *Review of project scope indicates there will be no new lanes carrying traffic for 2500 feet or more.*

Notes:

8. The proposed action does not involve the construction of temporary access, or the closure of an existing road, bridge, or ramps that would result in major traffic disruptions based on the context and intensity of the impact.

Finding: *The project will not result in any road closures or detours constituting a major traffic disruption.*

Notes:

9. The proposed action does not result in a determination of adverse effect on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. §306108).

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Date of Finding: *06/28/2021*

Notes: *Based on the Cultural Resources Summary Report, a determination of no effect on historic properties was made in accordance with the efficiencies provided by Stipulation 2 of the 1999 Programmatic Agreement between VDOT and VDHR or Stipulation II.A of the 2016 Programmatic Agreement among FHWA, USACE, TVA, ACHP, VA SHPO, and VDOT for determinations of No Effect as amended in 2021.*

10. The proposed action does not require the use of properties protected by Section 4(f) (49 U.S.C. § 303/23 U.S.C. § 138) that cannot be documented with an FHWA de minimis determination, or a programmatic Section 4(f) evaluation signed by FHWA.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Date of Finding: *12/01/2023*

Notes: *Based on review of the project's location in VDOT's eMaps GIS and the Cultural Resources Summary Report, Northern Virginia District Environmental staff determined the project will not require use of any properties protected by Section 4(f).*

11. The proposed action does not require the acquisition of lands under the protection of Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965 (54 U.S.C. § 200305) or other unique areas or special lands that were acquired in fee or easement with federal public-use-money and have deed restrictions or covenants on the property.

Finding: *Based on documented review of available mapping and databases, there will be no acquisition of lands protected by Section 6(f) or other unique areas or special lands.*

Notes:

12. The proposed action does not require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 (33 U.S.C. § 1344) permit other than a Nationwide or a General Permit.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Date of Finding: *06/22/2021*

Notes: *Based on the Permit Determination, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Individual Permit is not required.*

13. The proposed action does not require a U.S. Coast Guard bridge permit (33 U.S.C. § 401).

Finding: *The project does not involve work on bridges over navigable waters necessitating a USCG permit.*

Notes:

14. The proposed action does not require work that will cause an increase of the flood level by more than one foot within a regulatory floodway of water courses or water bodies or work affecting the base floodplain (100-year flood) elevations of a water course or lake, pursuant to 23 CFR §650 subpart A.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *Based on a review of the project scope, coordination with the PM, and FEMA floodplain maps, this project will not cause an increase of the flood level by more than one foot.*

15. The proposed action is not defined as a "Type I project" per 23 CFR §772.5 and the VDOT noise manual for purposes of a noise analysis.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *The project scope does not meet any of the criteria for a Type I project designation under 23 CFR Part 772.*

16. The proposed action is not likely to adversely affect federally listed species or designated critical habitat, with the exception of a "may affect, likely to adversely affect" (MALAA) determination for a species with a Section 7 programmatic biological opinion.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Date of Finding: *12/01/2023*

Notes: *Based on the T&E Clearance form, this project activity falls within a list of activities that have been determined to have No Effect on Fish, Plant and Wildlife Resources.*

17. The proposed action does not involve any known or potential hazardous materials issues that represent a substantial liability or require substantial regulatory negotiation to resolve.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *Based on the Hazmat Materials Summary Report dated 07/13/21, hazardous materials issues are not anticipated due to the limited right of way requirements.*

18. The proposed action is fiscally constrained and meets the provisions of the "Planning Documents and NEPA Approvals" document in accordance with 23 CFR §450.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *The project is included in STIP Grouping for Construction: Transportation Alternatives/Byway/Non-Traditional.*

19. The proposed action will not cause disproportionately high and adverse effects on any minority or low-income populations.

Finding: *Other; brief narrative provided in notes.*

Notes: *Based on consultation with the PM, there will be no major traffic disruptions, no more than minor amounts of temporary or permanent right of way acquisition, no displacements, no community disruption, and no disruptions of emergency services; therefore, there are no disproportionately high and adverse effects on any minority or low-income populations.*

20. The project sponsor confirms the project does not involve consideration of multiple NEPA alternatives and is not listed in 23 CFR §771.115(a).

Muse, John C.	**12/18/2023**
Environmental Manager, CE Determination	**Date**